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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**PROBATION DEPARTMENT: AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR AND
ACCEPT EIGHTH YEAR FUNDING UNDER THE JUVENILE JUSTICE CRIME
PREVENTION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-09 FROM THE STATE
CORRECTIONS STANDARDS AUTHORITY
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Authority to apply for continuation funding, and accept fiscal year (FY) 2008-09 funds, from the State Corrections Authority (CSA) in the amount of \$29,312,792. The funding, which may be modified by CSA based on the Final State Budget, represents the eighth year allocation.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to finalize the attached County of Los Angeles Application for Continuation Funding, submit final documents to the CSA by May 1, 2008, and make subsequent non-substantive program modifications, if needed (Attachments I and II).
2. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to accept \$29,312,792 in eighth year Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) funding for FY 2008-09 from the CSA, and to make non-substantive modifications to the FY

2008-09 allocations if the funding amount changes when the Final State Budget is adopted.

3. Delegate authority to the Chief Probation Officer to execute any amendments or extensions to existing contracts consistent with the Plan modification for the purpose of continuing programs implemented under the Comprehensive Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Plan (Plan) developed by the Los Angeles County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council, upon approval as to form by County Counsel, and to report any program changes as appropriate.
4. Delegate authority to the Chief Probation Officer to negotiate, execute, and/or extend current agreements with various government agencies to provide services consistent with the Plan modification, upon approval as to form by County Counsel; and to report to the Board as appropriate.
5. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to utilize any interest or unspent JJCPA funds available in FY 2008-09 on allowable JJCPA expenses.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDATION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain Board approval to authorize the Chief Probation Officer to apply for and accept JJCPA funding to continue the implementation of the Plan for an eighth year. The CSA, formerly the Board of Corrections, requires that an Application be submitted to them by May 1, 2008 (Attachment I).

The Plan was a result of a multi-agency planning effort coordinated by the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC), and was approved by the CSA and implemented following approval by your Board on March 20, 2001. Consistent with CSA requirements, the JJCC has continued to meet to coordinate and oversee the implementation of the Plan. The proposed Application for Continuation Funding enhances current programs and does not include any substantive changes.

Attachment III provides a list of funding specifically allocated to other government agencies. The FY 2008-09 Plan takes into consideration a review by the RAND Corporation, Probation's experience during the past seven years, and the proposed reduced allocation from CSA.

On March 31, 2008, CSA provided counties with a proposed FY 2008-09 funding amount, however, until the Legislature sends the Governor a budget, the CSA cannot guarantee or identify specifics regarding the FY 2008-09 funding amount for JJCPA. Consequently, for planning purposes, Probation is utilizing the reduced amount of JJCPA funds allocated by CSA for FY 2008-09. Changes due to population adjustments that impact the allocation formula or legislative action on the Governor's proposed budget may change the allocation. Probation will make the necessary adjustments in the event of a reduction or increase in funding for FY 2008-09 and notify your Board and the Chief Executive Office of any non-substantive reallocations required. Attachment IV outlines the proposed FY 2008-09 JJCPA funding allocations. Funding for FY 2008-09 was reduced from the FY 2007-08 allocation by \$3,295,457 from \$32,608,249 to \$29,312,792. The proposed Plan includes reductions to Probation, community-based organizations, and other governmental agencies that are currently providing services under JJCPA.

Approved services are currently provided through the collaborative efforts of government agencies and community-based organizations. The recommended actions will also delegate authority to the Chief Probation Officer to negotiate, execute, and/or extend current agreements with these agencies and organizations to continue these efforts, as required in the Plan. Further, the Chief Probation Officer will be authorized to utilize interest and unspent JJCPA funds available in FY 2008-09 on allowable JJCPA expenses with appropriate notice to the JJCC.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended Board actions are consistent with the Countywide Strategic Plan Goal No. 5: Children and Families' Well-Being, as implementation of the recommendations will enable Probation to continue the coordination and collaboration of integrated services for probation and at-risk youth and their families across functional and jurisdictional boundaries; and Goal No. 1: Service Excellence, as Probation will evaluate the JJCPA funded services based on results.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The CSA anticipates allocating \$29,312,792 in JJCPA funds, pending its approval of the County's Application for Continuation Funding. In the event of funding changes, the necessary adjustments will be made to the JJCPA

programs. There is no match requirement or net County cost associated with the Plan. The County must adhere to JJCPA requirements regarding the expenditure of said funds.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On March 20, 2001, your Board authorized the Chief Probation Officer to finalize the Plan and apply to CSA for Crime Prevention Act of 2000 funding, now known as JJCPA. The County's initial allocation was \$34,917,974. Senate Bill 736 (Poochigian-Burton) addressed the future of JJCPA and authorized the CSA to fund participating counties for FY 2002-03. For FY 2008-09, Los Angeles County's allocation, pending the adoption of a final budget by the State and CSA's approval of the Application and Plan Modification, is \$29,312,792, a reduction of \$3,295,457 from the current \$32,608,249 allocation. The funds are to be encumbered by June 30, 2009 and liquidated by June 30, 2010.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

This funding will allow for the continued implementation of the Plan that addresses the critical problem of mental health needs of probationers, provides community-level prevention and intervention strategies that target high-risk neighborhoods, and focuses on achieving school success for probationers and at-risk youth. These services are currently provided through the collaborative efforts of government agencies and community-based organizations.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments (4)

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